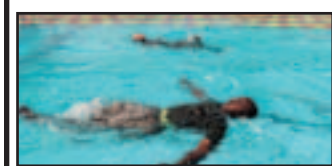


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Bush thanks military families

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush thanked families of troops serving overseas for their sacrifices and praised organizations that support veterans and military families Monday at the White House. He also urged Congress to quickly pass an emergency war spending bill so that the troops can get the funding they need to accomplish their mission.

"I appreciate very much to be in the presence of moms and dads, husbands and wives, sons and daughters of some of the finest citizens our nation has ever produced," Bush told military family members in the audience.

The president noted the challenges faced by military families during war.

"A time of war is a time of sacrifice for our nation, but especially for our military families. Being left behind when a loved one goes to war is one of the hardest jobs in our military," Bush said. "The families here today inspire our nation -- inspire them with their sense of duty and with their deep devotion to our country."

Bush also expressed his gratitude to representatives of troop-support organizations in the audience.

"I want to thank the leaders of organizations that support our military families. I appreciate your tireless work to send a clear signal that many in the United States of America support our troops," Bush said. "Each of you knows what is stake -- what is at stake in this war on terror. And I appreciate your efforts to rally our nation to support our troops, and to support the mission for which they have risked and, in some cases, have given their lives."

Bush said the troops must be given "the tools and resources they need to prevail," and he is looking forward to meeting with members of Congress April 18 to iron out differences between the administration and Congress.

The disagreement is over the fiscal 2007 Emergency Supplemental Request. The \$93.4 billion request will fund operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and other operations in the war on terror. Both the Senate and House versions of the supplemental have a timetable for the exit of U.S. troops from Iraq. President Bush said he will not sign any legislation with a withdrawal date.

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Detainee denies running al Qaeda training camps in Afghanistan

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — An alleged terrorist being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, denied U.S. government accusations that he managed al Qaeda training camps in Afghanistan or facilitated a failed terrorist attack on Los Angeles in 1999, according to a transcript released Monday from his March 27 tribunal hearing.

The detainee, Abu Zubaydah, told the tribunal through an interpreter he didn't support Osama bin Laden's philosophy of targeting innocent civilians as part of waging jihad, or holy war. He was captured during a raid at a safe house in Pakistan on March 28, 2002.

The tribunal was held to determine if Zubaydah, 36, could be designated as an enemy combatant.

A U.S. government witness, Ahmed Ressam, who is also being held at Guantanamo, told officials at the hearing that Zubaydah was a staunch bin Laden supporter, had run at least two terrorist training camps for al Qaeda in Afghanistan and had also helped him, Ressam, gain access into the U.S. to conduct terrorism before the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on the United States.

Ressam was arrested after crossing the U.S.-Canadian border at Port Angeles, Wash., Dec. 14, 1999. A Los Angeles federal court found

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Cpl. Mark Fayloga

Andy Aguilar accepts the Hawaii Medal of Honor on behalf of his son, Cpl. Andres Aguilar Jr., during the ceremony at the Hawaii State Capitol during a special joint session Monday.

Fallen service members honored by Aloha State

Cpl. Mark Fayloga

Combat Correspondent

Fallen service members with ties to Hawaii were honored by the Hawaii State Senate and Hawaii State House of

Representatives at the State Capitol during a special joint session Monday.

According to House Bill 8, designated as Act 21, Session Laws of Hawaii of 2005, "The purpose of this Act is to provide for a Hawaii Medal of Honor that would help

express the deep appreciation and gratitude of the People of Hawaii to the loved ones of members of the military who sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation and its freedoms."

More than 65 service members were honored for their sacrifice, including approximately 40 Marines and one Sailor.

Family members and friends of the fallen accepted the Hawaii Medal of Honor in their stead and were also honored for their contribution.

"Today, we gather in joint session to honor those who have made a sacrifice for which we cannot ask, and shall not forget," said Colleen Hanabusa, senate president. "We honor the family, friends and colleagues who have also sacrificed...who have themselves paid a price...and who helped make today's honorees the brave, strong individuals that we called on and counted on to serve our nation."

The House of Chambers was filled with supporters during the event, and Army Maj. Gen. Robert G.F. Lee attributed the

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Cpl. Mark Fayloga

Taps is played at the capitol's rotunda during the end of the ceremony.

12 detained in Iraq, coalition forces seize truck loaded with explosives

News Release

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Coalition and Iraqi forces captured 12 suspects and seized a dump truck transporting explosive materials during raids across Iraq the past two days. Also, an investigation into an operation Tuesday revealed no Iraq police were killed or injured, as original reports indicated.

In Baghdad, two individuals were detained for allegedly providing and transporting car bomb materials for a net-

work operating in the area. In Karmah, a village northeast of Fallujah, coalition forces detained six men with suspected ties to al Qaeda.

"These captures are another step in disrupting the terrorist networks operating in Iraq," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, a Multinational Force Iraq spokesman.

A preliminary investigation into a coalition forces raid yesterday in Ramadi revealed that three individuals killed and one wounded were not Iraqi policemen, as originally reported.

Actual Iraqi police operating in the area were notified by coalition forces while they were planning the raid. Iraqi police in the area were again notified immediately before coalition forces entered the target area, military officials said.

In the course of the operation, ground forces began receiving intense small-arms fire from armed men in two separate buildings. Using appropriate self-defense measures, coalition forces returned fire.

The wounded individual

identified the group as Iraqi police, and the individuals used a vehicle that resembled local Iraqi police vehicles. But the investigation later revealed the armed individuals were dressed in dishdashas, which is traditional male Arabic garb, and not in Iraqi police uniforms.

Later in the operation, coalition forces cleared another targeted building and detained seven suspected terrorists with alleged ties to al Qaeda in Iraq.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Base Pride Day Clean Up

Marine Corps Base Hawaii will conduct a base-wide cleanup of all buildings and grounds Thursday. This event is designed to get all hands to work together in a cooperative effort to beautify the base. For more information regarding this event, contact Gunnery Sgt. Paul Harvey, chief, Base Inspector's Office, at 257-7717.

ANZAC Day

The annual Australian and New Zealand Army Corps commemoration will be held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Uniform of the day for Marines attending the ceremony is Blue Dress "D."

Commissary Closure

The Kaneohe Bay Commissary will be closed Thursday from 5 a.m. to noon while conducting the Annual Physical Inventory. The commissary will re-open from 1 to 7 p.m. the same day.

Lost and Found

There have been several lost personal items that have been found on Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay and turned in to the Criminal Investigation Office, 3rd Street, Building 1095. These items include: Jewelry, bicycles, umbrellas, glasses, watches, clothing, keys, wallets, and other items. For more information, please call Mona Ching, CID, at 257-1305.

DEERS/ID Center Appointments

Patrons needing to visit the DEERS/ID Center can now make an appointment by visiting <https://es.cac.navy.mil>. The center, which is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., is still accepting walk-ins. The center is located in Building 1044.

Control Your Pet or Lose Privileges

There has been a recent spike in pet-related complaints concerning dog bites. Base Order 5500.15B, Chap. 4, clearly states: "Persons walking dogs in public must have positive physical control of their dogs." Housing handbooks clearly state: "If your pet is leashed outdoors, the leash must be less than 20 feet long, and the animal may not move outside your yard."

If you have questions about pet regulations, refer to the Family Housing handbook or contact your area housing inspector. Additionally, the Game Warden may be of further assistance and can be reached by calling 257-1821.

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Marines and Sailors stay connected while at sea

Lance Cpl. Timothy M. Stewman
13th MEU

USS BONHOMME RICHARD — As Marines and Sailors of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit begin their six-month deployment, being away from loved ones will prove to be one of the most difficult things they will face.

On USS Bonhomme Richard, Marines and Sailors may find themselves becoming homesick, but there are many ways to stay in touch with people back home.

"Being underway, of course, makes it hard to communicate

with families and friends," said Cpl. Collin Peterson, motor transportation mechanic with Battalion Landing Team 3/1.

While Marines are able to use the internet and make phone calls underway, phone and computer quantities are limited. The phone cards needed to make calls can run rather expensive, and some Marines don't even have e-mail.

"Communication outlets are available for Marines, but at times the internet or phones are down when not getting a signal," said Peterson.

A quick and convenient way

for family members to communicate with their service member is through MotoMail. MotoMail is a Web site that enables family members to write letters that are sent to a server, downloaded, printed and delivered to the military member, usually within 24 hours. MotoMail is private and can be sent anywhere Marines are deployed.

"The good thing about MotoMail is that it eliminates [unauthorized materials] and contamination issues," said Lance Cpl. Cornel Conley-Thomas, 13th MEU postal clerk.

According to postal clerks

on ship, over five-hundred MotoMail letters have been sent to the ship since the deployment began.

Another way that Marines can stay connected with their families is by good old-fashioned mail.

Conley-Thomas said that depending on how far away the ship is from shore, mail sent from the United States is brought over by helicopter or another ship. Usually the mail clerks are able to get letters and packages to the Marines that same day.

"Everyone who works in the postal room puts in a lot of effort to make sure the Marines get their mail as soon as possible because we know that it is a very crucial morale booster," said Conley-Thomas.

Postal clerks on ship offer some tips to help families when sending packages during the deployment:

-Use mailing tape when sending packages.

-Place liquid items in separate zip lock bags.

-Use durable boxes in the smallest size needed.

-Wrap items in bubble wrap and pack tightly to avoid items from shifting or breaking.

There are also limitations when sending mail to loved ones on ship. Obscene materials such as pornographic pictures, books and magazine should not be sent to Marines or Sailors. While in Islamic states, pork, pork by-products and any other products and or materials that are offensive to Islamic culture are also prohibited.



Lance Cpl. Cornel Conley-Thomas sorts through MotoMail that has been sent to Marines on the ship since their April 10 departure. While Marines are out at sea, there are still many ways to stay connected with families back home.

School shooting: *Did it really have to happen?*



Commentary by Sgt. Sara A. Carter
Press Chief

I was shocked as I got into my car Monday morning to hear the radio station talking about the school shooting at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. At the time, it was unclear exactly how many people had been shot and who the mysterious shooter was.

In all the time I lived in Virginia, since the age of three, I don't remember anything like this ever happening.

The worst thing I can remember happening was the D.C. sniper shootings, which were happening around the area I lived.

For those who don't know, or remember, in October 2002 people doing ordinary daily activities like getting gas, waiting for the bus or walking into a store were shot for no apparent reason. No one knew who was doing the shooting or why. A total of 10 people were killed and three wounded during the month.

For three weeks people looked for what they believed to be the snipers' vehicle, and people were afraid to stop and get gas because the fear of getting shot was overwhelming to many. Finally, after much looking, the suspects were caught.

The two incidents are comparable, but different.

The first thing that came to mind when I thought about the recent shootings was how was this person able to kill more than 30 people?

News agencies said he walked back and forth between four different rooms shooting random people and in the stairwell. Where was campus security

after the first shot was fired?

I don't know all the details -- how long he was shooting and how long it took security and police to arrive to the scene -- but I can only imagine how unsafe the students now feel.

Like the sniper shootings, daily life for these students has got to be different.

To me, a campus is similar to a military installation; all the students should feel safe to walk to class or to their dorm rooms. But now, they will probably feel like they have to watch their backs.

I really don't understand why people do things like this. I understand people get depressed or mad, but are things really bad enough that you have to take other people's lives in your hands?

I know shootings happen every day around the world, but in the sniper attacks and in the school shooting as well, it seems that most, if not all of these people who were killed did nothing to the killers. So why?

I guess that's a question only the shooter can answer. Unfortunately, because the suspect shot himself in the case of the Virginia Tech shootings, those students who survived and the parents of the students who were shot may never know the reason.

Weekend weather outlook

Today



Day — Scattered showers, mainly before 10am. Partly cloudy, with a high near 79. East wind around 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Night — Isolated showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. East wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

High — 79

Low — 72

Saturday



Day — Scattered showers, mainly after 10am. Partly cloudy, with a high near 79. East wind around 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Night — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. East wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

High — 79

Low — 72

Sunday



Day — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. East wind around 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Night — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. East wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

High — 81

Low — 72

Warrior challenge pushes Marines

Story and Photos by
Lance Cpl. R. Drew Hendricks
Combat Correspondent

Morning Colors sounds and 21 competitors take off from the Combat Service Support Group 3 compound on their way to the range to start the grueling 13-mile-long course of the CSSG-3 Warrior Challenge Biathlon here, April 11.

Five Marines were picked from five of the CSSG-3 companies to compete in this event. The last two warrior challenges held by CSSG-3 were fire team oriented; this year’s competition was an individual effort.

“This is for those Marines who consider themselves the elite,” said Gunnery Sgt. Torain Kelley, training chief, S-3, CSSG-3. “This course is a man-maker that’s for sure.”

The course was designed to focus on the warrior skills the Marines will need to keep pace with those line companies they will be tasked to support. The course covered a range of endurance tests and skills, but primarily focused on marksmanship.

“It all came down to marksmanship,” said Col. Donald Liles, Commanding Officer, CSSG-3. “You can be in the best shape of your life, but if you can’t slow your breathing and pull the trigger to put shots on target your’re not going to last long.”

The course totaled 13 miles of running, 200 meters of swimming, 30 rounds of the rifle and pistol, Marine Corps Martial arts tests and gallons of sweat.

After the Marines reached the range they shot ten rifle rounds for the 36-yard battle sight zero. They then had to run from the range to Kansas Tower hill and back. Once they returned to the range they shot 10 rounds at 15 yards with the pistol. After shooting they ran to the base pool and swam 200 meters.

With their cammies soaked and bodies worn down the competitors ran back to the range to shoot 10 more rounds from the rifle at 40 yards out. They then ran to Fort Hase Beach to grapple with martial arts instructors and then back to the range one last time to shoot ten 9mm rounds at 20 yards out.

The final stretch was a run from the range back to the CSSG-3 compound to bust out 10 pull-ups.

“It is a pretty difficult event,” said Capt. Andrew Gourgoumis, training officer, CSSG-3. “We had to make it as challenging as possible to separate a clear winner.”

The whole idea behind the competition was to force the Marines to rely on their marksmanship skills even when their bodies were racked with pain.

“I had my guys at the range watching them very closely at the end,” said Kelley. “I wasn’t sure if they were going to be able to lift their pistol at the end.”

Even if a competitor finished the event first he could have still come in last if he shot poorly.

“The key to victory is the marksmanship,” said Gourgoumis. “For every shot missed they got one minute added to their time.”



Colonel Donald Liles, commanding officer, Combat Service Support Group 3, pins a Navy Achievement Medal onto Sgt. Matthew Kozel for winning the CSSG-3 Warrior Challenge Biathlon with a total time of 4:32:00.



Staff Sgt. Kendrick McRae, Supply Company, passes another competitor during the 200-meter swim.



Staff Sgt. Kenneth Davis, martial arts instructor, slams Cpl. Karim Baker, Maintenance Company, into the sand during the martial arts skills portion of the Combat Service Support Group-3 Warrior Challenge Biathlon, April 11.

With 60 total rounds, 30 each from the pistol and the rifle, they could have a large amount of time added to their total.

The prize for this grueling event, besides personal pride, was the opportunity to fill CSSG-3’s only quota for jump school.

“There’s no better way to decide who to give our one quota to; give it to the one who earned it,” added Gourgoumis.

At the end of the event there were two clear leaders: Sgt. Matthew Kozel, Maintenance Company, and Staff Sgt. Kendrick McRae, Supply Company.

On the run from the range to the finish line the two were in a dead sprint to make it to the pull up bars. Kozel finished with a time of 4:05:00 and McRae finished with a time of 4:05:30, but the shooting scores still had to be added in. The final competitor finished with a time of 5:14:00.

After cool down and showering up the Marines met back for the award presentation and the announcement of a winner.

With a total weighted time of 4:32:00 Kozel took first place and along with his jump school seat he was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal for his accomplishment.

“It was one of the hardest things I have done in the Marine Corps,” said Kozel. “What made it worth it was the self pride and being able say I finished it, because it was not easy.”

McRae came in second with a total time of 4:40:00, and Sgt. Fidel Balderrama came in third with a time of 4:48:00. All of the competitors were awarded a day of liberty for their hard work and motivation.

The leaders at CSSG-3 hope to hold this event twice a year, one individual and the other a team effort. They said that events like this are not just for competition, but also to better prepare their Marines for the fight.

“I have no doubt you can do your job; you went to school for that,” said Liles. “It’s these warrior skills that can save lives that we need to focus more on.”



Staff Sgt. Kendrick McRae, Supply Company, pulls himself out of the pool after a 200 meter swim, only to have to run nearly three miles back to the range.



Corporal William Robinson, motor transportation, Support Company, squeezes off a round during one of the live fire portions. Marksmanship was the make or break aspect of the competition, with each missed shot costing a competitor one minute.



Bricks engraved with the names of fallen Marines and one Sailor from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, lay in a row before they are placed in the Walkway of Honor that surrounds the Pacific War Memorial here April 12.

Fallen service members remembered

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Twenty-two bricks were laid April 12 at the base of the Pacific War Memorial aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, representing the Marines and Sailor from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, who were killed in Iraq while serving in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Each brick has the service member's name engraved and was placed at the Walkway of Honor surrounding the Corps' iconic memorial.

Located next to the main gate to the base, the memorial is one of the first sites visitors see upon entering.

"It's a tribute to those who served and all who still serve our country," said Alice T. Clark, chairperson of the Pacific War Memorial Association, about the walkway.

The Pacific War Memorial is a bronze replica of the 1945 Mount Suribachi flag raising that sits on an informational black granite base.

According to Clark, the six bronze figures were made from the same mold castings used for the Iwo Jima Memorial Monument located in Newington, Conn.

The walkway is a circular brick path that includes plain as well as engraved bricks that are laid around the granite base.

Gary Fischer, president of the contracted tile company, said the structure was designed so the bricks could be easily installed at a later date.

"We did the original installation in 2002," said Fischer. "I knew Alice (Clark) as a neighbor. She was willing to pay us for the work, but this was something I couldn't take money for."

"Putting bricks in for these guys who lay their lives on the line for us is our way of supporting the troops. It's a privilege to do it."

Letters and numbers are etched into each 4-inch by 8-inch brick through a computerized process using lasers to make the engravings.

Clark said there are still an estimated 1,500 bricks available for etching. PWMA continues to take contributions for these memorial bricks.

For more information about the Walkway of Honor bricks, visit <http://www.pacificwarmemorial.org> or call 533-3759.



Kailua Baptist Preschool students begin their tour by stepping aboard the P-3 "Orion" plane parked outside of Hangar 104. Students had the chance to touch the plane's equipment while the plane was powered off. During the tour, the preschoolers learned about navigation and how Sailors used sonobuoys.

'Golden Eagles' show children how they fly

Christine Cabalo
Photojournalist

Approximately 50 children from Kailua Baptist Preschool received a firsthand look at operations of Patrol Squadron 9, the "Golden Eagles," at Hangar 104 aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, April 13. The preschoolers spent more than two hours at the hangar, speaking with crew personnel and seeing the inside of a P-3 "Orion" plane.

Dressed in their blue school shirts, the children learned about each part of the plane from nose to tail.

Sailors on board asked the preschoolers trivia questions such as, "What is the area where the pilots control the plane called?" A few were stumped and replied, "It's named the front of the plane!"

The children learned the area was called a cockpit, and each took turns sitting in the pilot's seat. Members of the unit super-

vised the preschoolers as they tested control switches while the plane's power was off.

Crew personnel also explained how the plane is navigated.

"Twelve people are part of the crew in the plane," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan Sanders, aviation electrician's mate, VP-9. "We can handle more inside at a time, but usually we don't have this many people aboard."

After visiting the cockpit, the students were taken to the rear of the plane where the galley is located. Children were shown where meals are made and where the Sailors sleep or relax during flights. Some of the visitors tried out the bunks above the galley's seating area.

The children also asked questions about the lidded tubes in the middle of the plane's floor.

"Those chutes are where we launch our sonobuoys," said Sanders. "We basically launch

special canisters from our plane. After a canister is dropped, it will fall down into the water. The sonobuoys act like our ears, and we can listen to anything underwater with them."

Some of the preschoolers were still skeptical of what the tubes could be used to do, and Sanders snuck out of the plane. Looking through the tubes, children got to see the aviation electrician's mate from the ground as he waved back at them.

Lieutenant j.g. Long Nguyen, public affairs officer, VP-9, said those assigned to the squadron had fond childhood experiences of planes they wanted to pass on to the young children.

"My aunt and uncle said they took me flying in their plane – even as a baby," said Lt. j.g. David Sullivan, assistant public affairs officer, VP-9. "I don't remember much of it, but I've always wanted to work with and fly planes."

During the visit, the preschoolers tried on the Sailor's working gear. Boys and girls were encouraged to make their best skydiving face as they tried on the heavy adult-sized parachutes. Outside of the plane, the young visitors also tried on safety vests and flight helmets with its visor pulled down.

The trip was successfully planned because coordinators scheduled the tour during a maintenance day for the squadron, according to Nguyen.

He suggests if any other schools are interested in taking a tour, coordinators should call the squadron two weeks ahead to ensure a visit.

"If we were training and someone had asked to come the next day – we couldn't accommodate them," said Nguyen. "As long as schools call us well in advance, we'd be happy to schedule a tour."

The visit was a memorable one for the crew, according to Long.

"My parents took me to air shows when I was younger," said Nguyen. "I've loved airplanes since I can remember, and I think that's true for a lot of our squadron. The chance to introduce the children to the aircraft is great, and it's put a spark into everyone on deck."



Lieutenant j.g. Staci Kronberg, squadron pilot, Patrol Squadron 9, helps students from Kailua Baptist Preschool into flight gear used by the unit aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The preschoolers toured the hangar April 13 and saw the inside of a P-3 "Orion" plane.

THANKS, from A-1

“I think it is wrong for Congress to restrict our military commanders,” Bush said. “I can understand having a difference of opinion about Iraq, but our commanders need the flexibility necessary to meet the mission. We should not be substituting political judgment for the judgment of those in our military.”

Bush said honest differences over the best course in Iraq should be debated. “That’s healthy,” he said. “That’s normal. ... But our troops should not be caught in the middle.”

Bush said failure to fund the supplemental quickly will impact military readiness, and that “will mean that the readiness of our forces will suffer. This is unacceptable to me; it’s unacceptable to you, and it’s unacceptable to the vast majority of the American people.”

The U.S. must provide its troops with the support they need to accomplish their mission, Bush said.

“We owe it to every sailor, soldier, airman, Marine in harm’s way to give them the tools they need to prevail,” Bush said. “That’s what we owe them.”

The president said he is open to trying to settle political differences in order to provide the military with the funding it needs.

“I am willing to discuss any way forward that does not hamstring our troops, set an artificial timetable for withdrawal and spend billions on projects not related to the war,” he said.

Bush said the American people expect the White House and Congress to work together.

“Congress needs to put the partisanship on hold; it needs to get rid of all the politics right now and send me an emergency war spending bill that I can sign that gets our troops the support they need and gives our commanders the flexibility they need to complete this mission,” he said.

IRAQ, from A-1

During several early morning raids in the Iraqi capital yesterday, Iraqi special operations forces detained a target suspected of leading a rogue criminal cell operating in northeast Baghdad. Iraqi special operations forces, with coalition advisors, raided several buildings in Sadr City where they captured the terrorist leader, military officials reported.

As they left their second objective area, combined forces received enemy fire. Iraqi forces returned fire, immediately suppressing the enemy. Two other suspects were detained by Iraqi forces during this operation.

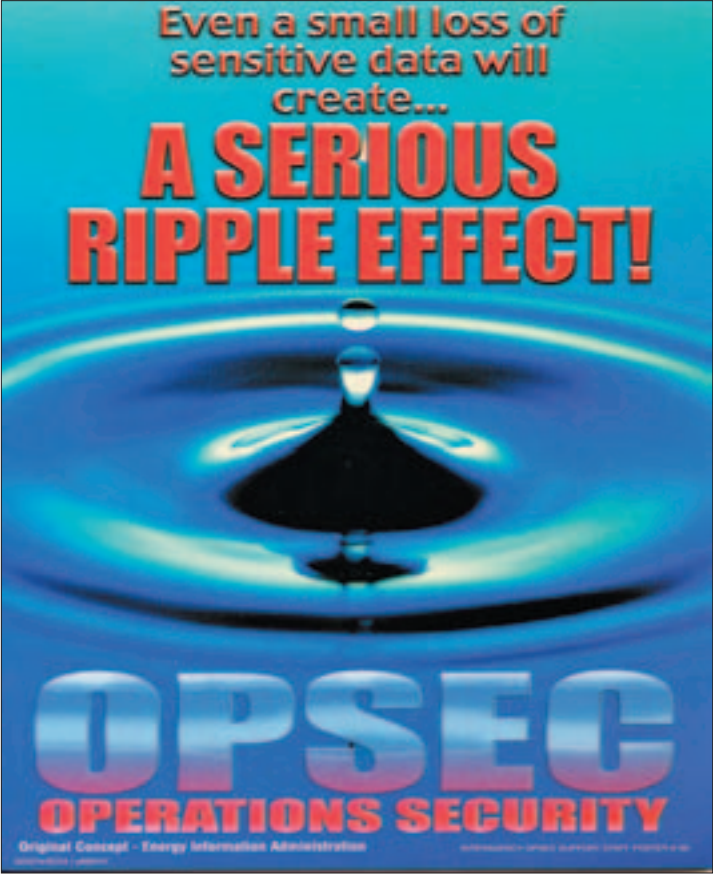
Combined forces primarily targeted a suspect with alleged links to a criminal network called “Abu Dura.” He is responsible for leading a kidnapping cell, conducting attacks on coalition and Iraqi forces, killing many innocent Iraqi civilians and launching rockets into parts of Baghdad, military officials said.

In Mushada yesterday, a dump truck overturned while attempting to deliver its payload of explosives and nitric acid.

A coalition patrol approached the driver of the overturned dump truck and offered assistance and found the vehicle loaded with nitric acid containers and explosives. The driver was taken into custody and confessed that he was paid to attack the Joint Security Station in Mushada, which also houses the town’s Iraqi police station.

An explosive ordnance team was called to analyze and dispose of the truck’s contents. The team discovered eight containers of nitric acid, eight directional fragmentation explosives devices and two large ordnance rounds.

The explosives and munitions discovered will be disposed of once they are carefully removed from the site, and the driver is being held for further questioning.



Generations alike



Chester Wilk, who was a corporal during the attack on Iwo Jima and went on to retire from the Corps after 25 years of service, explains to his grandson Seaman Daniel Dyson about the attacks April 12 at the Pacific War Memorial, here. Dyson, who was on a port call from the USS Regan, took some of his free time to visit with his grandparents.

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packed house to the state’s support of the military.

“The presence here today is a testament of the support that Hawaii has for the military here,” said Lee.

Each of the service members recognized had some connection with Hawaii. Some were born here, others lived here and some were stationed at one of Hawaii’s numerous military installations. Regardless of what connection each had, Hanabusa emphasized they will forever be a part of the island.

“The Hawaii Medal of Honor is reserved for those who have touched our islands, and have felt the touch of our people,” said Hanabusa. “And in offering it to those gathered here, in memory of



Family members and friends of the fallen accept the Hawaii Medal of Honor and are also honored for their contribution.

those who have fallen, we recognize that they are a part of us. For each and every one of you, your tears are our tears. Your loss, our loss. Your pride, our pride. Wherever each of these medals finds its

final home, a piece of our hearts goes with it. You will always be a part of our ohana, our family, because you have brought us honor, and allowed us to share these lives.”

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him guilty on several counts of terrorism and other felony charges on April 6, 2001. Federal prosecutors alleged Ressam’s car contained bomb-making materials and that the Algerian was planning to bomb New Year’s celebrations in the United States.

Ressam, who told U.S. officials that he’d planned to place a bomb at Los Angeles International Airport, stated he studied for the mission in April 1998 at a terrorist training camp near Khwost, Afghanistan, a facility that Zubaydah had overseen.

A Federal Bureau of Investigation source said Zubaydah, who was born in Saudi Arabia, had traveled to Saudi Arabia in 1996 and delivered \$600,000 to al Qaeda kingpin Osama bin Laden.

Zubaydah told officials at the tribunal that he never visited bin Laden at that time or had transported money to the al Qaeda chieftain.

“I only met him in the year 2000,” Zubaydah said. “I’m not his (bin Laden’s) partner and I’m not a member of al Qaeda.”

Regarding Ressam’s accusations, Zubaydah acknowledged he had assisted in the obtaining of passports, but “not fake ones.” He didn’t dispatch Ressam to perform mayhem in the United States, he said.

“I wanted five real Canadian (only) passports to be used for personal matters, not terrorist-related activities,” Zubaydah said.

The government said Zubaydah had expressed his desire to

wage holy war on the United States through some entries in his personal diary, in which the detainee stated he would instigate racial riots and set off timed explosives targeting gas stations, fuel trucks and forests. Zubaydah responded that his writings “were strictly hypothetical – they were not plans that I intended to execute against non-military targets in America or anywhere else.”

Zubaydah also told tribunal officials that he’d never visited or managed the Khalden training camp in Afghanistan that was cited by Ressam. Instead, Zubaydah said he’d worked out of Pakistan to help facilitate logistics for people en route to the camp.

“But, I knew nothing about the details of the actual training at the (Khalden) camp,” Zubaydah said, noting that he “was not the head of the training camp.”

Zubaydah also told the tribunal that he didn’t support al Qaeda’s philosophy of conducting total war against enemies of Islam, including the killing of civilians.

“I disagreed with the al Qaeda philosophy of targeting innocent civilians like those at the World Trade Center,” Zubaydah said. “I never believed in killing civilians.”